

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 (currently amended): A crude oil tank, said crude oil tank comprising being fabricated from a steel comprising, in mass, 0.001 to 0.2% C, 0.01 to 2.5% Si, 0.1 to 2% Mn, 0.03% or less P, 0.007% or less S, ~~0.01~~ 0.1 to 1.5% Cu, 0.001 to 0.3% Al, 0.001 to 0.01% N and one or both of 0.01 to 0.2% Mo and 0.01 to 0.5% W, with the balance consisting of Fe and unavoidable impurities.

2 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 1, wherein the steel satisfies the following expression, in mass %;

$$\text{Solute Mo} + \text{Solute W} \geq 0.005\%.$$

3 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 1, wherein the carbon equivalent (Ceq.) of the steel, in mass %, defined by the equation (1) is 0.4% or less;

$$\text{Ceq.} = \text{C} + \text{Mn}/6 + (\text{Cu} + \text{Ni})/15 + (\text{Cr} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{V})/5 \quad (1).$$

4 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the Cr content of the steel is less than 0.1 mass %.

5 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the steel contains, in mass, 0.1 to 3% Ni and/or 0.1 to 3% Co.

6 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the steel further contains, in mass, one or more of 0.01 to 0.3% Sb, 0.01 to 0.3% Sn, 0.01 to 0.3% Pb, 0.01 to 0.3% As and 0.01 to 0.3% Bi.

7 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the steel further contains, in mass, one or more of 0.002 to 0.2% Nb, 0.005 to 0.5% V, 0.002 to 0.2% Ti, 0.005 to 0.5% Ta, 0.005 to 0.5% Zr and 0.0002 to 0.005% B.

8 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the steel further contains, in mass, one or more of 0.0001 to 0.01% Mg, 0.0005 to 0.01% Ca, 0.0001 to 0.1% Y, 0.005 to 0.1% La and 0.005 to 0.1% Ce.

9 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 1, wherein the area percentage of microscopic segregation portions where the Mn concentration is 1.2 times or more the average Mn concentration in the steel is 10% or less.

Claims 10 to 17: (canceled).

18 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 4, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, 0.1 to 3% Ni and/or 0.1 to 3% Co.

19 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 4, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.01 to 0.3% Sb, 0.01 to 0.3% Sn, 0.01 to 0.3% Pb, 0.01 to 0.3% As and 0.01 to 0.3% Bi.

20 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 5, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.01 to 0.3% Sb, 0.01 to 0.3% Sn, 0.01 to 0.3% Pb, 0.01 to 0.3% As and 0.01 to 0.3% Bi.

21 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 4, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.002 to 0.2% Nb, 0.005 to 0.5% V, 0.002 to 0.2% Ti, 0.005 to 0.5% Ta, 0.005 to 0.5% Zr and 0.0002 to 0.005% B.

22 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 5, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.002 to 0.2% Nb, 0.005 to 0.5% V, 0.002 to 0.2% Ti, 0.005 to 0.5% Ta, 0.005 to 0.5% Zr and 0.0002 to 0.005% B.

23 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 6, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.002 to 0.2% Nb, 0.005 to 0.5% V, 0.002 to 0.2% Ti, 0.005 to 0.5% Ta, 0.005 to 0.5% Zr and 0.0002 to 0.005% B.

24 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 4, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.0001 to 0.01% Mg, 0.0005 to 0.01% Ca, 0.0001 to 0.1% Y, 0.005 to 0.1% La and 0.005 to 0.1% Ce.

25 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 5, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.0001 to 0.01% Mg, 0.0005 to 0.01% Ca, 0.0001 to 0.1% Y, 0.005 to 0.1% La and 0.005 to 0.1% Ce.

26 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 6, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.0001 to 0.01% Mg, 0.0005 to 0.01% Ca, 0.0001 to 0.1% Y, 0.005 to 0.1% La and 0.005 to 0.1% Ce.

27 (previously presented): A crude oil tank according to claim 7, characterized by the steel further containing, in mass, one or more of 0.0001 to 0.01% Mg, 0.0005 to 0.01% Ca, 0.0001 to 0.1% Y, 0.005 to 0.1% La and 0.005 to 0.1% Ce.